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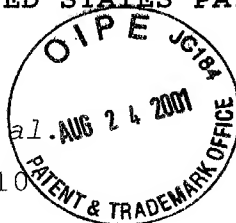
IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: DNA SEQUENCES OF ENTERICALLY
TRANSMITTED NON-A/NON-B
HEPATITIS VIRAL AGENT



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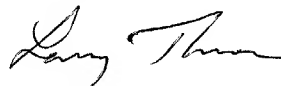
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